

Declaration For U.S. Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled (Insert Title) HYDROGEN ABSORBING ALLOY FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME, AND HYDROGEN ABSORBING ALLOY ELECTRODE FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY AND METHOD OF the specification of which PRODUCING THE SAME

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1. is attached hereto.
2. was filed on 16 June 1999 as International PCT Application Serial No. PCT/JP99/03234 and was amended on 4 November 1999 and 29 May 2000 (if applicable)
3. was filed on _____ as U.S. Application Serial No. _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application for which priority is claimed:

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<input type="checkbox"/> List prior foreign applications. <small>See note B on back of this page</small>	<u>No. 171527 / 1998</u> (Number)	<u>Japan</u> (Country)	<u>18 / 6 / 1998</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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See attached list for additional prior foreign applications

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(List Prior U.S. Applications)	(Application Serial Number)	(Filing Date)	(Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)
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